

Service Date: August 12, 1976

BEFORE THE UTILITY DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER of the Application of)
the TOWN OF MOORE for Authority to)
Adopt Increased Water Rates.)

Docket No. 6391

Order No. 4280

On June 29, 1976, the TOWN OF MOORE petitioned the Montana Public Service Commission for an Order authorizing the Applicant a water rate increase to cover increased operating expenses and to generate sufficient revenues to accomplish improvements and repairs to applicant's system.

Having considered the petition and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its petition and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A notice of a proposed public hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the July 7, 1976, edition of the Lewistown News-Argus. The notice stated that if no requests for a public hearing were received by July 29, 1976, an appropriate order would be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.

2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

3. On April 8, 1976, the Town Council of Moore passed by affirmative vote a resolution setting water rates at the proposed level.

4. The Town of Moore is a municipal water utility furnishing water service in the State of Montana, subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission under Title 70, Chapter 1, RCM, 1947.

5. The existing rates are inadequate to generate sufficient revenues for improvements and repairs of Applicant's system and for covering increased operating costs.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The increase applied for is needed to insure continued service to Applicant's customers.
2. The resulting rate structure and rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following changes to the old rate tariff are authorized:

FLAT-RATE FOR 3/4 INCH TAP, WATER SERVICE

Available for: All utility users

Rate: Class A:

1. Commercial or Residential \$ 5.00/month
2. Moore Public Schools (4" tap) ... 50.00/month
3. Special Sprinkling Rate 3.00/lot (50' x 150') per month
for 5-month season

Rate: Class B:

1. Bulk Water Sales: Portable
Tanks, each time filled \$2.00/1,000 gallons
2. Minimum Charge, per Tank,
each time filled 1.00/fill
3. 4-inch Fire Hydrant (dry) 2.00/month
4. Hydrant - Yard or Garden -
Independent Tap 4.00/lot (50' x 150') per month
for 5-month season

No Utility user shall use unattended open-hose operation.

Sounding of Fire Siren during sprinkling season shall require turning off all irrigation water until emergency is over.

Prompt Payment Discount: None

Minimum Bill: Flat Rate

Special Terms and Conditions:

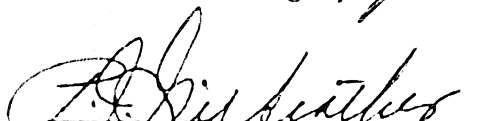
1. On-off Curb-stop operation \$1.00/operation
2. Service installations to vacant lot or to temporary locations shall require a deposit of \$60. This amount will be credited to the utility user as used through the installed outlet.

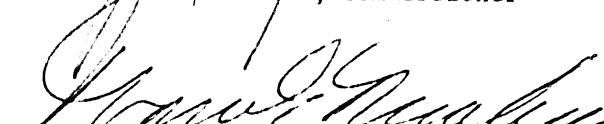
2. The filed tariffs shall be for water delivered during the next full billing period after August 15, 1976.

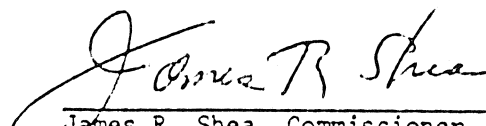
DONE IN OPEN SESSION in Helena, Montana, on August 4, 1976, by a 5-0 vote.

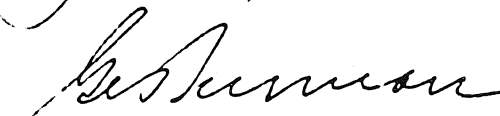
BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.


Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman

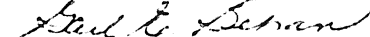

P. J. Gilfeather, Commissioner


Thomas G. Monahan, Commissioner


James R. Shea, Commissioner


George Turman, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Gail E. Behan
Secretary

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NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this Order. Judicial review may be obtained by filing within thirty (30) days from the Service of this Order a petition for review pursuant to Section 82-4216, RCM 1947.